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|   | GNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  | U.S. APPLICATION NO_(If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CONCER  | NING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   | 10/518990                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | L APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE P2004/005740 21 April 2004  | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 21 April 2003            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Takayuki Miura, Tomohiro Katsube, and Naoshi Suzuki   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. x This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. This is  | 2. This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. x This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. The US   | 4. The US has been elected (Article 31).  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. x A copy   | X A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. is a   | a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. x has  | b. x has been communicated by the International Bureau.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. lis r  | is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. x An Eng   | x An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). w/PCT Request |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. x is a   | a. x is attached hereto.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. has  | b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. x Amend  | x Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. are  | are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. hav  | have been communicated by the International Bureau.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. hav  | have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d. x hav  | x have not been made and will not be made.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. An Eng   | An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. An oat   | An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | glish language translation of the annexes to the International Pre 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).                     | liminary Examination Report under PCT          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Items 11 to 20  | below concern document(s) or information included:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11. x An Info   | ormation Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. w/F   | PTO-1449, 8 references                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12. An assi   | ignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in complia   | nce with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. A prelii  | minary amendment.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14. x An App  | plication Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15. A subs  | . A substitute specification.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16. A powe  | A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17. A comp  | A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18. A seco  | A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19. A seco  | A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20. x Other i   | items or information: Copy of Face Page of International Applicat<br>Drawings, Return Receipt Postcard            | tion as published, Eight (8) Sheets of Formal  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 21. The following fees are submitted:  |                                  |              |                     |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
| x a) Basic national fee\$300.00  |                                  |              |                     |        |            | \$ 300.00                               |           |  |  |  |
| x b) Examination fee\$200.00   |                                  |              |                     |        |            | \$ 200.00                               | ı <u></u> |  |  |  |
| x c) Search fee\$500.00  |                                  |              |                     |        |            | \$ 500.00                               |           |  |  |  |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00  |                                  |              |                     |        |            | \$ 1,000.00                             | ,         |  |  |  |
| Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.  |                                  |              |                     |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
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| 88 - 100 =   | /50 =                            |              |                     |        | × \$250.00 |   |           |  |  |  |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).  |                                  |              |                     |        |            | \$                                      |           |  |  |  |
| CLAIMS   | S NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA RATE |              | ATE                 |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
| Total claims   |                                  | 20 =         | 13                  | x      | 50.00      | \$ 650.00                               |           |  |  |  |
| Independent claim<br>MULTIPLE DEPEN  |                                  | -3 =         | .,                  | x<br>+ | 360.00     | \$ 0.00<br>\$ 360.00                    |           |  |  |  |
| MOLTIPLE DEPE  | NDENT CLAIM(S)                   | <del> </del> | OTAL OF ABOVE       |        | 360.00     | \$ 300.00                               | 2,010.00  |  |  |  |
| Applicant cla  |                                  |              | 37 CFR 1.27. The fo |        |            | \$                                      | 2,010.00  |  |  |  |
| are reduced  | <i>by 72.</i>                    |              |                     | SUE    | STOTAL =   | \$ 2.010.00                             |           |  |  |  |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).   |                                  |              |                     |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =   |                                  |              |                     |        |            | \$ 2,010.00                             |           |  |  |  |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property  |                                  |              |                     |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
|  |                                  | \$           | 2,010.00            |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
|  |                                  |              |                     |        |            | Amount to be refunded:                  | \$        |  |  |  |
|  |                                  | •            |                     |        |            | Amount to be charged:                   | \$        |  |  |  |
| a. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed.  |                                  |              |                     |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
| b. X Please charge my Deposit Account No. 12-1095 in the amount of \$ 2,010.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  |                                  |              |                     |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
| c. x The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1095 . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.   |                                  |              |                     |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
| d. Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card   |                                  |              |                     |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
| information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.  NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.   |                                  |              |                     |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  |                                  |              |                     |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
| SIGNATURE:   |                                  |              |                     |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
| Robert B. Cohen  NAME  |                                  |              |                     |        |            |   |           |  |  |  |
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